

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported six sundry measures.

House passed H.R. 3, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2017–S2103

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 488–501, and S. Res. 50–55. **Pages S2070–71**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 51, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 52, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 53, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S2070**

Measures Passed:

Committee Funding: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, and October 1, 2002, through February 28, 2003, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2089–94**

Honoring National Guard Victims: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia. **Page S2101**

Honoring National Guard Victims: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 22, honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2101**

Bankruptcy Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S2018**

Adopted:

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 28, to increase the authorization of appropriations for low-income energy assistance, weatherization, and State energy emergency planning programs, to increase Federal energy efficiency by facilitating the use of pri-

vate-sector partnerships to prevent energy and water waste. **Pages S2038–44**

Rejected:

Durbin Amendment No. 17, to discourage certain predatory lending practices. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 18), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2018–31**

Kerry Amendment No. 26, to strike certain provisions relating to small businesses, and to provide for a study of the causes of small business bankruptcy and how Federal law regarding small business bankruptcy can be made more effective and efficient. (By 55 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 19), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2032–35, S2050–52**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 25, to ensure that the bankruptcy code is not used to exacerbate the effects of certain illegal predatory lending practices. **Pages S2031–32, S2044–45**

Feinstein Amendment No. 27, to place a \$2,500 cap on any credit card issued to a minor, unless the minor submits an application with the signature of his parents or guardian indicating joint liability for debt or the minor submits financial information indicating an independent means or an ability to repay the debt that the card accrues. **Pages S2035–38**

Leahy Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Pages S2045–46**

Conrad Modified Amendment No. 29, to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. **Pages S2047–48, S2049–50**

Sessions Amendment No. 32, to establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds. **Pages S2048–49**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 29 and 32 (listed above) on Monday, March 12, 2001, and Tuesday, March 13, 2001, with votes to occur thereon beginning at 2:45 p.m. **Page S2052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for any votes ordered today occur beginning at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2001. **Page S2052**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael P. Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Kenneth W. Dam, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), vice Thomas R. Pickering.

Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S2103**

Executive Communications: **Page S2070**

Messages From the House: **Page S2069**

Measures Referred: **Pages S2069–70**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2072–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2071–72**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2096–S2100**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2068–69**

Authority for Committees: **Page S2100**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—19) **Pages S2031, S2052**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 9, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2103.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded closed hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Vice Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony from Roderick R. Paige, Secretary of Education.

Hearings continue Wednesday, March 14, 2001.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 350, to amend

the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, and to enhance State response programs with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

PRESIDENT'S INCOME TAX PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine issues related to the President's income tax rate proposals, focusing on child tax credit, the marriage tax penalty, and the Alternative Minimum Tax, receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Lawrence Zelenak, University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill; and David T. Ellwood, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to review foreign policy issues and related areas of the President's budget proposals, including embassy infrastructure improvements and various programs to help advance America's foreign policy interests overseas, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.51) requesting \$4,380,936 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$7,771,451 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$3,323,832 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services: Senators Cochran (Chairman), Stevens, Collins, Domenici, Gregg, Bennett, Akaka (Ranking Member), Levin, Torricelli, Cleland, Carper, and Carnahan.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia: Senators Voinovich (Chairman), Stevens, Collins, Domenici, Cochran, Durbin (Ranking Member), Akaka, Torricelli, Carper, and Carnahan.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Collins (Chairman), Stevens, Voinovich, Domenici, Cochran, Gregg, Bennett, Levin (Ranking Member), Akaka, Durbin, Torricelli, Cleland, Carper, and Carnahan.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.53) requesting \$4,230,605 for operating expenses for the